Institutional Committee

353. SHRI A.C. JOS :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up an Institutional Committee comprising representatives of IFCI, ICICI, IDBI to ensure adequate finance to aviation industry;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government has also decided to set up a 'civil aviation development fund' to improve air services in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how it will help the aviation industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) With a view to studying the various issues relating to fixing of infrastructure required for aviation sector, it has been decided to set up a high-powered Inter Institutional Group (IIG) comprising representatives of the State Bank of India (SBI), IFCI, ICICI, IDFC and the Industrial Development bank of India (IDBI).

(c) and (d) The proposal to set up a 'Civil Aviation Development Fund' is part of the draft civil aviation policy.

[Translation]

Setting up of TV towers in Bihar

354. SHRIMATI SUBHAWATI DEVI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for setting up of T.V. towers;

(b) whether the proposal for setting up T.V. towers at Trimuhani Ghat, Baheda, Darbhanga (Bihar) is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Trimuhani Ghat fulfil all the criterion for setting up of a T.V. tower; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not setting up of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The broad criterion for setting up of TV transmitter projec include various factors such as coverge to hitherto uncovered areas, particularly the hilly, backward, tribal remote, sensitive and border areas, availability of basi infrastructural facilities and extent of resultant coverage

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The location Trimuhani Ghat, Baheda lies within the fringe serivce area of the HPT, Patna which is located at an estimated aerial distance of 105 kms. from Baheda. Elevated antenna and boosters are required fo satisfactory reception of TV service in the area. Setting up of TV transmitters is a continuous activity depending upon availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities

[English]

Drinking water and Sanitation Programme in Karnataka

355. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister o RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the World Bank aided drinking water and environmental sanitation schemes are being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the places selected for development unde the above scheme in the state and the amount spent so fa and proposed to be spent during 1997-98, project-wise;

(c) whether the World Bank Appraisal Team has visited the state in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the recommendation and suggestions put forward by them ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following districts are covered under the abov scheme.

1. Bangalore 2. Belgaum 3. Hellary 4. Bihar 5. D Kannada 6. Gulbarga 7. Mandya 8. Mysore 9. Raichur an 10. Shimoga.

The expenditure incurred upto September, 1997 i Rs.950 million. The amount expected to be spent durin the remaining part of 1997-98 is Rs. 200 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Appraisal Team has suggested that hydrauli testing of all completed over-head tanks and pipeline